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OCEAN IN ALGIERS

DEPT PASS AF/E (FOR AMB MENDENHALL)

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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CINCUSNAVEUR PASS POLAD

1. MALAGASY PRESS REPORTED DEC 2 THAT MALAGASY FONMIN
RATSIRAKA, WHILE IN ALGIERS, HAD STATED THAT MADAGASCAR
WAS WORRIED ABOUT INCREASED NAVAL MOVEMENTS IN INDIAN
OCEAN AND THAT HE HAD ASKED ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE
FOR SUPPORT FOR TWO MEASURES: FIRST, RESOLUTION REQUESTING
THAT ALL STATES BORDERING INDIAN OCEAN CLOSE FOREIGN

BASES BE ADDED TO AGENDA OF PERMANENT BUREAU OF NONALIGNED GROUP WHICH WOULD BE MEETING IN HAVANA IN JAN 1975; SECOND, RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO PERMANENT BUREAU THAT WOULD URGE ALL STATES BORDERING INDIAN OCEAN TO REFUSE FACILITIES TO ALL WARSHIPS OF MILITARY POWERS OPERATING IN AREA. LOCAL PRESS NOTED THAT MADAGASCAR WOULD CLOSE FRENCH BASE AT DIEGO SUAREZ BY JUNE 1975. RATSIRAKA REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE HAD EXPRESSED HIS COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR THESE MEASURES DURING THEIR MEETING. RATSIRAKA ARRIVED IN ALGIERS NOV 29, ACCORDING TO PRESS, BUT EXACT DATE OF MEETING NOT GIVEN. FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT NOT YET AVAILABLE HERE.

2. EMBASSY COMMEN: U.S. NAVAL SHIP VISITS TO MADAGASCAR, AS WELL AS THOSE OF ALL OTHER NATIONS, HAVE BEEN BANNED SINCE DECEMBER 1973. GOMR POSITION ON SHIP VISITS APPEARED TO BE SLIGHTLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO CHANGE BUT FOR NEAR TERM THOSE HOPES HAVE NOW EVAPORATED. GOMR APPEARS TO BE INCEREASINGLY ANXIOUS TO BE OUT IN FRONT ON INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE ISSUE AND HAS ALSO ACCELERATED ITS HARPING ON DIEGO GARCIA. LATTER ISSUE HAS BEEN POPULAR TARGET WITH MALAGASY REPRESENTATIVES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA SINCE DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION CAME TO FORE, BUT HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS HERE FOR LAST EIGHT MONTHS. THIS PAST WEEK, HOWEVER, DIEGO GARCIA WAS RAISED BY DIPLOMATIC COUNSELOR TO HEAD OF GOVT GENERAL RAMANANTSOA WITH VISITING DIRECTOR,

F/I, AND CHARGE.
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